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The 9 Bulgarian Tank Division

1. Late in 1950, the 9 Bulgarian Tank Division was transferred from Kazanlık to Gorna Banya and was quartered in the barracks of the Reserve Officers School. The Division is at full wartime strength and at peak efficiency and includes approximately 6,000 officers, noncommissioned officers, and men. In an emergency, the division could be ready to move into combat on half an hour's notice. The entire division is motorized and all personnel is motor-borne. Ammunition for tanks, cannon, and machine guns is always kept on hand. [redacted] that 9 Tank Division could contain a land attack on Sofia or suppress any insurrection attempt by military units. This division is the only one in Bulgaria which is at full wartime strength and it is directly subordinate to the Bulgarian Ministry of War rather than to an Army.

2. The Division Staff is composed as follows;
 - a. Division Commander: Colonel Stoyanov, 28 years old, ex-partisan;
 - b. Chief of Division Staff: Colonel Popov; and
 - c. Soviet instructor for the Division: Colonel Kurighin.

_____ sections and services made up the Division Staff but stated that approximately 50 officers were assigned to it.

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3. The 9 Tank Division is composed as follows:
- a. The 17 Mechanized Regiment;
 - b. The 7 Tank Regiment;
 - c. The 5 Tank Regiment;
 - d. The 9 Artillery Regiment;
 - e. An engineer battalion;
 - f. A noncommissioned officers candidate school, where truck and tank-driving training is given;
 - g. A chemical defense platoon;
 - h. A reconnaissance company;
 - i. Divisional repair shops;
 - j. An oil and gasoline supply depot; and
 - k. A supply section.

The 17 Mechanized Regiment

4. The staff of 17 Mechanized Regiment is composed as follows:
- a. Regimental Commander, Lieutenant Colonel Karapetkov;
 - b. Chief of Staff, Captain Zalbukhov;
 - c. Commissar, an unidentified major;
 - d. Regimental artillery commander, Captain Ivanov;
 - e. Chief of Information Section, Lieutenant Nikolov;
 - f. Chief of Communications Section, Lieutenant Draganov;
 - g. Chief of Military Intelligence (Razuznavatelen Otdel) and Party Secretary, Lieutenant Boyanov; and
 - h. Chief of Supply Section, Captain Paipanov.
5. The 17 Mechanized Regiment is composed of the following units:
- a. The 1 Rifle Battalion;
 - b. The 2 Rifle Battalion;
 - c. The 3 Rifle Battalion;
 - d. A regimental headquarters battalion;

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- e. A tank battalion;
- f. An artillery battalion;
- g. A chemical defense platoon;
- h. A mortar battery;
- i. An antitank platoon;
- j. A vehicle and tank driving school for noncommissioned candidates; and
- k. A transport company.

Organization and Armament of 1 Rifle Battalion

- 6. The 1 Rifle Battalion, subordinate to 17 Mechanized Regiment, is composed of three rifle companies divided into three rifle platoons. Each platoon is composed of three rifle squads.
- 7. The 1 Rifle Battalion, commanded by Captain Takov, from Trŭn, includes the following personnel:
 - a. One battalion commissar, three company commanders, and nine platoon commanders, with a total of 21 (sic) officers;
 - b. Three company sergeants, nine platoon noncommissioned officers and 27 noncommissioned officer squad leaders, for a total of 39 noncommissioned officers;
 - c. Each squad is composed of 12 privates, each platoon of 36 privates, and each company of 108 men, for a total of 324 privates in the Battalion.
- 8. The total armament and equipment of 1 Battalion is as follows:
 - a. 27 Degtyarev submachine guns, 7.62 mm.;
 - b. 27 Shpagin submachine guns, 7.62 mm.;
 - c. 27 revolvers;
 - d. 234 Mŭssing carbines, 7.62 mm.;
 - e. 18 ZIS Molotovka gas-operated trucks for troop transport, model 1952 (sic);
 - f. One ambulance;
 - g. One field kitchen;
 - h. One truck for transporting ammunition;
 - i. One truck for transporting rations and clothing;
 - j. One radio-truck, type ZIS-150; and
 - k. One Soviet-type jeep, for the battalion commander.

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9. Each Rifle Squad in 1 Battalion of 17 Mechanized Regiment has the following armament:
 - a. One Degtyarev light machine gun, 7.62 mm., model 1929;
 - b. One Shpagin submachine gun, carried by the squad leader;
 - c. One 7.62 mm. revolver, or a Walther 9 mm., carried by the squad leader; and,
 - d. 12 Müssing carbines, 7.62 mm., carried by the soldiers.
10. The 2 Rifle Battalion, whose organization and armament are the same as that for 1 Rifle Battalion, is commanded by Lieutenant Takov, from Trün, who is the brother of the commander of 1 Rifle Battalion. The commander of 2 Rifle Battalion is also in command of the Regimental Noncommissioned Officers Candidate School for instruction in vehicle and tank driving.
11. The 3 Rifle Battalion, organized and armed in the same manner as 1 and 2 Rifle Battalion, is commanded by Captain Ianakov.

The Regimental Headquarters Battalion

12. The Regimental Headquarters Battalion, commanded by Captain Zalbukhov, who is also regimental chief of staff, is composed of the following units:
 - a. A reconnaissance platoon;
 - b. A communications platoon;
 - c. An antiaircraft platoon;
 - d. A maintenance company;
 - e. A medical platoon;
 - f. An ordnance platoon; and
 - g. A quartermaster platoon.
13. The regimental reconnaissance platoon, commanded by Second Lieutenant Raicev, from Malki Izvorü (N4259 E2408), Teteven okoliya, is composed of two squads, one mounted in armored cars and one on motorcycles. The regimental reconnaissance platoon is composed of 13 men, two noncommissioned officers and 11 noncommissioned officer candidates. The platoon's armament is as follows:
 - a. 13 Shpagin submachine guns;
 - b. Three Degtyarev submachine guns;
 - c. Six revolvers, or pistols;
 - d. Three armored cars (Soviet jeep-type), which carry a 7.62 mm. Degtyarev tank-type machine gun and a radio set;
 - e. Three Soviet M-72 motorcycles, 750 cc. displacement.

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The vehicle drivers are armed with revolvers or pistols, while motorcycle drivers carry submachine guns.

14. The regimental communications platoon, commanded by Second Lieutenant Ivanov, is composed of 36 soldiers armed with Musing carbines. The platoon's communications equipment includes four ZIS-150 radios and an unspecified quantity of German telephones and telephonic equipment.
15. The regimental antiaircraft platoon, commanded by an unidentified second lieutenant, is composed of six noncommissioned officers and 26 men. The platoon has six Molotova 4.5-ton trucks on each of which a 13 mm. anti-aircraft machine gun is mounted. Each of the noncommissioned officers carries a pistol and a Shpagin submachine gun; machine gunners carry only a pistol. The other soldiers of the platoon are armed with Musing carbines. The platoon thus has a total of six antiaircraft machine guns, six Shpagin submachine guns, 13 pistols, and 20 Musing carbines.
16. The regimental maintenance company is responsible for maintaining all transportation equipment in running order. This company is equipped with six 8-ton ZIS trucks fitted out as maintenance trucks. The company, commanded by a captain who attended an industrial school, is composed of noncommissioned officers, noncommissioned officer candidates and corporals who are specialists and attended a maintenance school. The company includes a total of 42 men, seven mechanics per truck. There is one submachine gun in each truck and a total of 36 carbines for the company.
17. The commander of the regimental medical platoon is the physician for the regiment. He is assisted by eight medical corporals who attended the medical school for noncommissioned officer candidates. The platoon takes care of the entire regiment and operates the infirmaries.
18. The regimental ordnance platoon is composed of the following:
 - a. A platoon commander, a second lieutenant;
 - b. A deputy platoon commander, an officer candidate;
 - c. Two noncommissioned officers;
 - d. Four noncommissioned officer candidates; and
 - e. Ten men.

The regimental ordnance platoon is responsible for managing the arsenals and the ordnance repair shops of the regiment. It also maintains a record of the type, and quantity of all munitions, and the depots at which they are stored. The regimental ordnance platoon distributes munitions to the various units when they go on the firing range or on maneuvers. All damaged weapons are repaired in the ordnance shop and a general inspection of weapons is made monthly.

19. The regimental quartermaster platoon, commanded by Captain Paipanov, is composed of the following:
 - a. Two noncommissioned officers;
 - b. Two noncommissioned officer candidates; and

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c. Twenty men.

The noncommissioned officers and the noncommissioned officer candidates are armed with Shpagin submachine guns and the men carry Musing rifles.

20. Within each regimental command there are two officers who have organized industrial-technical schools and who know the status of the regimental vehicles. These officers make a weekly inspection of regimental cars, tanks, armored cars, and motorcycles. Drivers who do not keep their vehicles in excellent running condition are very severely punished.

The Regimental Tank Battalion

21. The Regimental Tank Battalion, commanded by a first lieutenant, is composed as follows:

- a. Deputy commander and temporary commissar, a lieutenant;
- b. Chief of Staff (probably adjutant) of the battalion, a lieutenant;
- c. Chief of information service, an officer of undesignated rank; and
- d. Four clerks attached to battalion headquarters.

All clerks in the offices, kitchens, bakeries, shoe repair shops, tailor shops and other shops wear uniforms and hold the rank of noncommissioned officers or noncommissioned officer candidates. There are no civilians in the entire division.

22. The Regimental Tank Battalion is composed of three tank companies, each composed in turn of three platoons which are subdivided into three squads, with two tanks each.

23. Each tank carries the following personnel:

- a. Tank commander, a second lieutenant or officer candidate;
- b. Tank driver, a noncommissioned officer candidate;
- c. A machine gunner, a corporal;
- d. An artilleryman, and his assistant who man the tank cannon, rank unknown; and
- e. A radio operator, a noncommissioned officer candidate.

24. Each tank company is composed as follows:

- a. 22 officers or officer candidates;
- b. One company first sergeant;
- c. Three platoon noncommissioned officers;
- d. 36 noncommissioned officer candidates; and
- e. 18 men.

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25. Each company includes 18 Soviet-type T-34 tanks which are equipped with two Degtyarev submachine guns, one cannon, and an R.B.M. radio set.
26. The regimental tank battalion also includes the following equipment:
 - a. Two model ZIS-150 radio trucks, with portable R.B.M. radio sets, which are a part of the battalion radio network and are at the disposal of the battalion commander and his chief of staff;
 - b. One field kitchen;
 - c. One ambulance;
 - d. Two 8-ton maintenance shop trucks;
 - e. One jeep, for the commanding officer; and
 - f. A T-34 tank which is at the disposal of the battalion commander or his chief of staff.
27. The total personnel of the tank battalion, excluding those attached to battalion headquarters, is as follows:
 - a. Three company commanders (officers);
 - b. Nine platoon leaders (officers);
 - c. 54 tank commanders (officers);
 - d. Three company first sergeants (noncommissioned officers);
 - e. Nine platoon noncommissioned officers;
 - f. 216 squad commanders (noncommissioned officer candidates); and
 - g. 54 privates.

The battalion includes a total of 54 tanks, plus the battalion commander's tank.

The Regimental Artillery Battalion

28. The Regimental Artillery Battalion, commanded by Captain Ivanov, is composed of two units, an armored car battery and a cannon battery.
29. The armored car battery is commanded by a first lieutenant and includes 12 armored cars. Each car is armed with a 72 mm. cannon, a Degtyarev machine gun, and an R.B.M. radio set. These cars, powered by two large diesel engines, have the appearance of tanks, but are much lighter and faster, reaching a speed of approximately 75 kilometers per hour, and capable of climbing fairly steep hills. Each armored car has the following complement of men:
 - a. One vehicle commander, a non-commissioned officer or officer candidate;
 - b. One vehicle driver, a candidate noncommissioned officer or corporal;
 - c. One radio operator, a candidate noncommissioned officer or corporal;

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- d. Two gunners for the 72 mm. cannon, one a candidate noncommissioned officer and one a corporal; and
- e. One machine gunner, a corporal.

The armored car battery is composed of two platoons, each having a second lieutenant as platoon commander. Each platoon is composed of three squads, each having two armored cars.

- 30. The cannon battery is commanded by a first lieutenant and has six 72 mm. guns drawn by ZIS-150 trucks. This battery has two platoons of three squads each; each one manning a gun. There are approximately 40 men in the cannon battery, and the battery commander is armed with a submachine gun. The men handling the sighting of guns are armed with pistols and the others carry carbines.

The Chemical Defense Platoon

- 31. The Chemical Defense Platoon is composed of the following personnel:
 - a. One platoon commander;
 - b. One platoon sergeant;
 - c. Four squad leaders; and
 - d. Thirty-six men.
- 32. The noncommissioned officer and the four noncommissioned officer candidates who command the squads are armed with submachine guns; the men carry carbines. Each soldier is provided with a Soviet-type or a German-type gas mask and the platoon has five Soviet apparatus for detecting gas.

The Mortar Battery

- 33. The Mortar Battery, commanded by a Captain, has four Soviet-type 120 mm. mortars. The battery is composed of two platoons, each divided into two squads, with one mortar per squad. A total of approximately 30 soldiers are assigned to the battery. The leader of each mortar squad is armed with a submachine gun while the man who aims the mortar carries a pistol; the other members of the squad carry carbines.

The Antitank Platoon

- 34. The Antitank Platoon, commanded by a second lieutenant, has four 72 mm. guns drawn by Molotovka trucks and is composed of 30 men. The commander of the platoon is armed with a submachine gun while the man who aims the gun carries a pistol; the other members of the platoon are armed with carbines.

The Driving School

- 35. The Driving School, commanded by Lieutenant Takov, is composed as follows:
 - a. Three second lieutenant platoon leaders;
 - b. One school first sergeant;

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- c. Three platoon noncommissioned officers;
 - d. Nine noncommissioned officer candidates who are squad leaders; and
 - e. Ninety-nine men.
36. The school is set up as a company with three platoons, each composed of three squads. Each squad has 11 men and a squad commander. The non-commissioned officers and the squad leaders are armed with submachine guns and the men carry carbines.
37. In case of an alarm, the school component would not abandon its barracks, but would take up its positions and remain there for the eventual defense of the school.
38. The soldiers who attend the school are picked from various units of the regiment and are trained to drive automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, tanks, and self-propelled guns. The course lasts one year after which time the men return to their respective units. At the conclusion of the course, those men who pass the examination are given diplomas of noncommissioned officer candidate drivers and receive the rank of corporal. After six months, they are promoted to noncommissioned officer candidates and become squad leaders.

The Transportation Company

39. The Transportation Company, commanded by a first lieutenant, is composed as follows:
- a. Two platoon commanders, second lieutenants;
 - b. One company first sergeant;
 - c. Two platoon noncommissioned officers (one for each platoon);
 - d. Four squad leaders; and
 - e. Forty-five soldiers.

The company is composed of two platoons, each with two squads.

40. The transportation company is responsible for transporting the munitions and rations of the regiment and for this purpose it is equipped as follows:
- a. Five Czech Skoda 5-ton trucks;
 - b. Seven Soviet ZIS-150 6-ton trucks; and
 - c. Four Soviet Molotovka 4.5-ton trucks.
41. The squad commanders and the noncommissioned officers of the company are armed with submachine guns; the other men of the company carry rifles.

Organization of 7 Tank Regiment

42. The 7 Tank Regiment is commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Mitev, age 40, and includes the following units:

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- a. The 1 Tank Battalion;
 - b. The 2 Tank Battalion;
 - c. A motorized infantry battalion armed entirely with automatic weapons;
 - d. A reconnaissance platoon;
 - e. A signal platoon;
 - f. An antiaircraft platoon;
 - g. A maintenance company; and
 - h. A supply platoon.
43. The command organization of 1 Tank Battalion is the same as that of the tank battalions subordinate to 17 Mechanized Regiment, except that the commander is a captain. The battalion includes three tank companies each composed of three platoons, of three squads. Each squad is equipped with two T-34 tanks. The armament is the same as that of the tank battalion in 17 Mechanized Regiment. The composition and armament of 2 Tank Battalion is identical with that of 1 Tank Battalion.
44. The motorized infantry battalion of 7 Tank Regiment is known as the automatic weapons battalion because all of its arms are automatically fired, (either automatic rifles or machine guns). The command or staff of the battalion is believed to be organized with the same components as the headquarters of other battalions, but the informant had no details on this subject. The motorized infantry battalion is composed as follows:
- a. Three company commanders (officers);
 - b. Nine platoon leaders (officers);
 - c. Three company sergeants;
 - d. Nine platoon noncommissioned officers;
 - e. 27 squad leaders, who are noncommissioned officer candidates; and
 - f. 297 men.

Each squad is armed with a Degtyarev machine gun and all the officers, non-commissioned officers, and men carry Shpagin submachine guns. The battalion is equipped with trucks for transporting men, as follows:

- a. Ten ZIS-150 trucks, each capable of carrying 30 men without baggage;
- b. An unknown number of Molotovka trucks, each capable of carrying 24 men without baggage;
- c. Two radio trucks;
- d. One ambulance;
- e. One field kitchen; and

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f. Five trucks for transporting military supplies and rations.

45. The reconnaissance platoon is composed as follows:

- a. Platoon commander, a second lieutenant;
- b. One platoon noncommissioned officer;
- c. Two squad leaders, noncommissioned officer candidates; and
- d. Sixteen men.

The platoon is composed of two eight-man squads. The men of the first squad are mounted in armored cars, each of which carries a Degtyarev light machine gun of a type normally mounted on tanks, and an R.B.M. radio set. The second squad is known as the motorcycle squad and includes three M-72 motorcycles with side-cars; the motorcycle engines have a 750 cc. displacement. Each motorcycle is armed with a Degtyarev light machine gun of a type carried by the infantry, two submachine guns, and one Tula-Tokarev pistol.

46. The signal platoon is composed as follows:

- a. Platoon commander, a second lieutenant;
- b. One platoon noncommissioned officer;
- c. Four squad leaders, noncommissioned officer candidates; and
- d. Forty-three men.

The platoon is composed of two units, one for radio communications and one for telephone communications. The radio communications unit is equipped with four Soviet R.B.M. radio sets which are portable, are used for training purposes, and if necessary, can be used in combat. The platoon also has four radio cars with a very strong R.B.M. set mounted in each one. The unit commanders are armed with submachine guns and the other men carry carbines. The telephone communications unit is equipped with German telephone equipment of unknown make and quantity.

47. The antiaircraft platoon is composed as follows:

- a. Platoon commander, a second lieutenant;
- b. Six noncommissioned officers;
- c. Six squad leaders, noncommissioned officer candidates;
- d. Twenty-four men; and
- e. Six drivers.

The antiaircraft platoon is equipped with six Molotovka trucks, each mounting a 13 mm. antiaircraft machine gun.

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48. The maintenance company is composed as follows:

- a. Company commander, a first lieutenant;
- b. Two platoon commanders, second lieutenants;
- c. One platoon noncommissioned officer;
- d. Six maintenance noncommissioned officers;
- e. 18 maintenance noncommissioned officer candidates;
- f. 12 maintenance privates; and
- g. Six drivers, privates.

All the noncommissioned officers are armed with submachine guns and the noncommissioned officer candidates and men carry carbines. The company, which is responsible for maintaining all the vehicles of 7 Tank Regiment in running order, is divided into two platoons of three squads each, and each squad has a maintenance shop mounted on a ZIS-150 7.5-ton truck.

49. The supply platoon which controls all food and clothing depots for the entire regiment, is composed as follows:

- a. One platoon commander, who is supply chief for the regiment;
- b. One platoon sergeant;
- c. One platoon noncommissioned officer;
- d. Three squad leaders who are noncommissioned officer candidates; and
- e. Thirty men, who are assigned to work in the depots, work shops, tailor shops, shoe repair shops, etc.

The 5 Tank Regiment

50. The 5 Tank Regiment has the same armament, organization, and numerical strength as 7 Tank Regiment. The headquarters and barracks of the regiment are located in Sukhodol (N4242 E2313) one kilometer northwest of Gorna Banya. The regiment is quartered in barracks of the former Trudovak school.

The 9 Artillery Regiment

51. The 9 Artillery Regiment is located in Sukhodol in the former Trudovak school. Informant could give no details regarding the organization of the regiment. The 9 Artillery Regiment, however, is known to be equipped with 12 Soviet antiaircraft cannon, drawn by ZIS-150 trucks.

The Engineer Battalion

52. The headquarters and men of the Engineer Battalion are located in Sukhodol. The battalion is composed as follows:

- a. Battalion commander, Captain Markov;

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- b. Three company commanders (first lieutenants);
 - c. Nine platoon commanders (second lieutenants);
 - d. One battalion first sergeant;
 - e. Nine platoon noncommissioned officers;
 - f. Twenty-seven squad leaders (noncommissioned officer candidates);
 - g. 297 men; and
 - h. 20 drivers.
53. The battalion is composed of three companies, divided into three platoons of three squads each. Each squad is composed of 12 men and a squad leader. The officers are armed with pistols, noncommissioned officers and non-commissioned officer candidates are armed with submachine guns and the men carry carbines.
54. The battalion is equipped with 20 trucks which are used for transporting troops, land mines, pontoons, and other engineering equipment.

Driving School for Candidate Noncommissioned Officers

55. The Driving School, which is commanded by a lieutenant colonel, gives instruction in driving vehicles, tanks, and motorcycles. The school is composed of two battalions, one a driving school for tanks and self-propelled guns, and the other a school for other vehicles and motorcycles.
56. Each battalion is composed of three companies, divided into three platoons of three squads each. Each squad is composed of 12 men and a squad leader. A battalion includes a total of 324 soldiers.
57. The first battalion instructs its men on German Maibach tanks, after which the men go on to train in Soviet tanks and armored cars. The second battalion starts instruction on small Czechoslovak Skoda machines, then the students go on to German Opelblitz trucks, and finally to Soviet trucks. The motorcyclists start their training on German BMW and DKV models and later train on Soviet M-72 motorcycles.
58. Officers of the battalion are armed with Tula-Tokarev and Walther pistols, noncommissioned officer and noncommissioned officer candidates are armed with Shpagin submachine guns, and the men carry Musing carbines.
59. The school course lasts one year at the conclusion of which students must pass an examination and are then returned to their original units.

The Chemical Defense Platoon

60. The Chemical Defense Platoon, described in Para.31, is subordinate to 17 Mechanized Regiment, but is at the disposal of the staff of 9 Tank Division.

The Reconnaissance Company

61. The reconnaissance company is composed as follows:

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- a. Company commander, a first lieutenant;
 - b. Three platoon commanders, second lieutenants;
 - c. One company first sergeant;
 - d. Three platoon noncommissioned officers;
 - e. Nine squad leaders;
 - f. 99 men; and
 - g. 36 drivers.
62. The reconnaissance company is composed of three platoons of three squads each. Each squad is composed of 12 men and a squad commander; the drivers are not included in the squad strength. Two of the platoons are equipped with motorcycles, and one is equipped with armored cars. The two motorcycle platoons have 24 Soviet M-72 motorcycles with side-cars, and each motorcycle is armed with a light 7.62 mm. machine gun of the type issued to the infantry. Each squad has four motorcycles, and each machinegunner is equipped with a Tula-Tolarev pistol while the other two men in the squad carry Shpagin submachine guns.
63. The armored car platoon is composed of 12 vehicles each of which carries a Degtyarev machine gun and a radio set. The drivers of the armored cars are armed with Tula-Tokarev or Walther pistols, the radio telegrapher and the vehicle commander carry Shpagin submachine guns, and the men assigned to the machine gun carry Musing carbines.

The Divisional Maintenance Shops

64. The Maintenance Shops of the division are commanded by Colonel Popov, who is also chief of staff. Under his supervision are 10 mobile repair shops mounted on 7.5-ton ZIS-150 trucks. Each truck has five maintenance men, one of which is the noncommissioned officer in charge of the truck, and the other four are noncommissioned officer candidates. Five officers, assigned to the division shops, are well acquainted with the condition of the division's mobile equipment and make periodical inspections to check on the efficiency of the vehicles and the manner in which the drivers are handling their maintenance.
65. The maintenance shops employ a total of 65 persons, 50 of whom are mechanics, 10 are drivers, and five are officers. The officer in charge of maintenance of vehicles in 17 Mechanized Regiment is Lieutenant Drekharski.

Divisional Hospital

66. The hospital is commanded by a lieutenant colonel and has 10 medical officers and 30 other employees, including nurses and Red Cross workers. All types of operations are performed in the hospital, except for the removal of ulcers. The hospital has a 60-bed capacity.

The Gasoline and Oil Supply Unit

67. The Gasoline and Oil Supply Unit, commanded by Captain Pashaliyski from Gyueshevo (N4214 E2228), is composed as follows:

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- a. Deputy commander (an officer candidate);
 - b. One sergeant major;
 - c. Two noncommissioned officers; and
 - d. Six men.
68. The unit is responsible for furnishing the necessary quantities of gasoline, naphtha, and oil to the vehicles of the division. The unit maintains the depots and keeps a record of all fuel held by the division and issues it to the regiments as required.

The Divisional Supply Section

69. The division supply section, is composed as follows:
- a. A supply officer;
 - b. Four noncommissioned officers;
 - c. 15 truck drivers; and
 - d. 15 men.
70. The divisional supply section is equipped with 15 Skoda and ZIS-150 trucks which serve for the transport of all clothing and rations for the division. The section controls all the clothing and ration depots and makes issues to the regiments of the division as required.

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